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## **Aiken Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges**

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Michael David Barnwell (DOB: 04/17/1985) of New Ellenton, S.C., on 10 charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. The Aiken County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force made the arrest.

Investigators state that Barnwell was in possession of child pornography.

Barnwell was arrested on Feb. 24, 2017. He is charged with 10 counts Sexual Exploitation of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Third Degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

The case will be prosecuted by the attorney general's office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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